

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

D-1 FREDRICK DEESE,
D-2 SHANIQUE NIKIA DENT,

Defendants.

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Case: 2:24-cr-20691
Assigned To : Leitman, Matthew F.
Referral Judge: Patti, Anthony P.
Assign. Date : 12/17/2024
Description: INDI USA V.
FREDRICK DEESE, ET AL. (CMS)

Violations:

18 U.S.C. § 371
18 U.S.C. § 1791(a)(1)
18 U.S.C. § 1791(a)(2)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

18 U.S.C. § 371, § 1791(a)(1), and § 1791(a)(2)
Conspiracy to Provide and Possess Contraband in Prison

D-1 FREDRICK DEESE
D-2 SHANIQUE NIKIA DENT

On or about September 23, 2023, through on or about March 22, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere, the defendants, Frederick Deese and Shanique Nikia Dent, did unlawfully, knowingly, and willfully conspire with each other and with other individuals, both known and unknown, to bring contraband into the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan, Michigan, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1791(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 1791(a)(2).

Object of the Conspiracy

The object of the conspiracy was for the defendants to provide contraband to inmates at FCI Milan.

Overt Acts

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to achieve the object of the conspiracy, the members of the conspiracy committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere:

1. On or about September 23, 2023, Deese, an inmate at FCI Milan, received or activated a contraband cell phone at FCI Milan.
2. Between September 23, 2023, and March 22, 2024, Deese regularly communicated with Dent using his contraband cellphone.
3. Dent visited Deese in person at FCI Milan on over 30 occasions, beginning on or about August 6, 2023, through at least November 18, 2023.
4. On or about November 17 and 18, 2023, Deese and Dent exchanged multiple phone calls and/or text messages using Deese's contraband cell phone.
5. On November 18, 2023, Dent attempted to bring a sealed package of marijuana to Deese during an in-person visit at FCI Milan. However, Dent was intercepted by FCI Milan staff when she dropped the package on the way to the visiting room.

6. On November 18, 2023, following the attempt to introduce contraband, Deese and Dent exchanged multiple phone calls using Deese's contraband cell phone.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNT TWO

18 U.S.C. § 1791(a)(1) and (b)(3)

Attempting to Provide Contraband in Prison

D-2 SHANIQUE NIKIA DENT

On or about November 18, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere, the defendant, Shanique Nikia Dent, provided and attempted to provide a prohibited object, to wit, marijuana, to an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan, Michigan, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1791(a)(1) and (b)(3).

COUNT THREE

18 U.S.C. § 1791(a)(2) and (b)(3)

Attempting to Obtain Contraband in Prison

D-1 FREDRICK DEESE

On or about November 18, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, Frederick Deese, an inmate of the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan, Michigan, attempted to obtain a prohibited object, to wit, marijuana, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1791(a)(1) and (b)(3).

COUNT FOUR

18 U.S.C. § 1791(a)(2) and (b)(4)

Possessing Contraband in Prison

D-1 FREDRICK DEESE

On or about October 3, 2023, through on or about March 8, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere, the defendant, Frederick Deese, an inmate of a prison, to wit, FCI Milan, possessed a prohibited object, to wit, phones and other devices used by a user of commercial mobile service in connection with such service, at the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan, Michigan, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1791(a)(1) and (b)(4).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

The allegations contained in Counts One through Four of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

THIS IS A TRUE BILL.

s/ Grand Jury Foreperson

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Criminal Case Cover

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This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) ¹ :		Judge Assigned:
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Case Title: USA v. D-1 Fredrick Deese

County where offense occurred :

Check One: **Felony** **Misdemeanor** **Petty**

Indictment/____ Information --- no prior complaint.
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Case Title: USA v. D-2 Shanique Dent

County where offense occurred : Monroe and Washtenaw

Check One: Felony Misdemeanor Petty

Indictment/ Information --- no prior complaint.
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